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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Oranienburg airfield between 13 September and 2 October 1955:

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13 September. Between 1000 and 1100, no air activity was observed. A total of

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29 IL-28s and UIL-28s

were parked on the dispersal areas.

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Two Li-2s were seen in the northern section of the field. Between 2100 and 2200, a few IL-28s took off.

14 September. There was no air activity between 1000 and 1100. Two Li-2s and a total of 21 IL-28s or UIL-28s

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were seen on the field.

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19 September. At about 1730, 38 IL-28s and UIL-28s were parked on the dispersal areas.

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20 September. Between 0930 and 1000, 9 IL-28s successively took off, assembled in formation northeast of the field, and headed northeast. The aircraft returned from this direction at about 1130, crossed over the field and disappeared from view, while heading south.

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22 September. There was no air activity.

27 September. At about 0700, 6 IL-28s took off and headed south.

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29 September. At about 1700, 2 formations each of 9 IL-28s approached from the south and landed individually.

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2 October. There was no air activity. A total of 47 IL-28s and UIL-28s including 29 without auxiliary fuel tanks were parked on the dispersal areas.

2. No changes were observed in the occupation of Weisse Stadt restricted settlement. The rooms of the vacant floors in building No 11 were occupied by officers dependents. The two northern floors of this building were converted to a hotel for transient officers. Building No 5 was occupied by the families of 54 officers from the flying personnel. Building No 4 quartered 44 officers who, according to their uniforms, also belonged to the flying personnel. Several apartments off of the fourth entrance from the north were occupied by officers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Personnel of the AA unit stationed at the field were presumably also quartered in building No 7. At about 1000 on 26 September, 10 Soviets wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen in front of building No 7.

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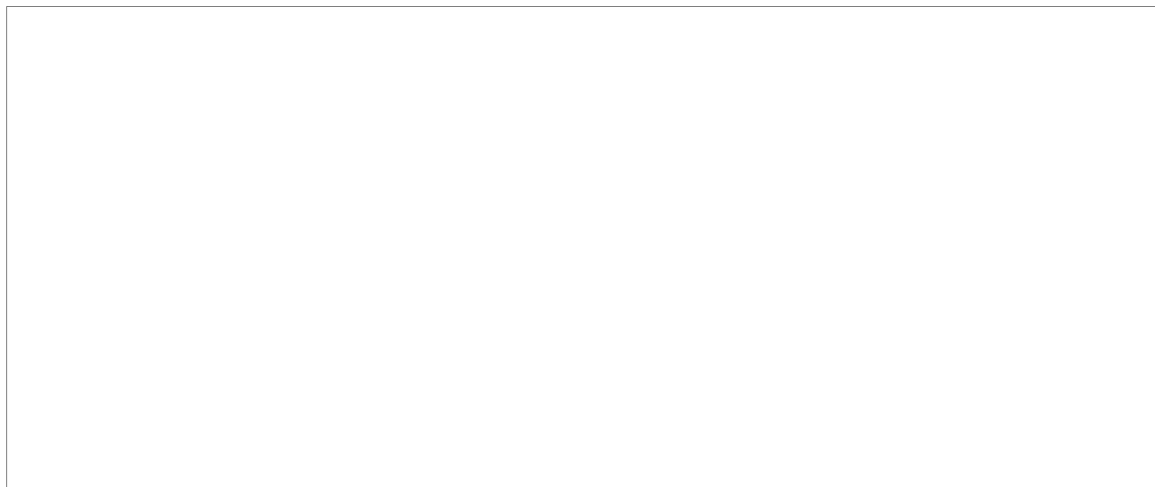
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3. During the absence of Major Koslov (fnu) all official functions were handled by Senior Lieutenant Krastanov (phonetic spelling) (fnu).²

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5. Construction work on the new quartering building at the Legebruch side was temporarily delayed, because the required planking material had not yet arrived. The personnel of the AA detachment stationed at the field were still quartered in tents.

6. On 26 September, when the possibilities of observation were limited, 2 Li-2s and about 15 IL-28s and UIL-28s were observed at the field, including 2 IL-28c parked in the two northernmost revetments. [redacted]

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[redacted] Major Koslov (fnu) and Major Ilyashuk (fnu) inspected the installations at the field. About 20 railroad tank cars were seen on the spur track. On 4 October, when the possibilities of observation were still reduced, 16 to 18 IL-28s and UIL-28s were observed at the field. [redacted]

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[redacted] an IL-28 in a revetment south of the hangar. [redacted]

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7. In early October, no increase in the occupation strength was noticed in Weisse Stadt. A new major general was expected in the near future. Therefore, billets of the first northern entrance of building No 15 were being prepared for this general and 2 additional officers. The unit with Lieutenant Colonel Yashuk (fnu) as chief and Guzakov (fnu) as supply officer was quartered in the following buildings:

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Building No 7. The hospital was in the section off of one entrance and the civilian employees of the unit were quartered in rooms off of another entrance.

Building No 8. Offices and quarters for 200 ground personnel were on the floors of the 4 southern entrances.

Building No 9. EM billets for about 500 ground personnel were quartered there.

Building No 10. This building housed the EM kitchen and messhall and the remaining rooms were prepared as EM quarters.

Building No 29. An unidentified number of EM were quartered on the third floor.

8. During the afternoon of 4 October, Major Ilyashuk (fnu) inspected the ammunition dump of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, since a lightening arrester was to be installed there. The Soviets referred to the ammunition dump as the "gasoline dump", which presumably was a camouflage designation. Of the 12 barracks located there, 5 belonged to Unit Ilyashuk. Each of the barracks was about 52 meters long, 9 meters wide and 3 meters high. The camp was in such a tidy status that it was not believed ammunition was being stored there. An electric light installation which was estimated to cost 5,000 marks was allegedly being established in the camp.

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9. Major General Mashuyek (fnu), previously reported, is not the major general stationed in the restricted area. Mashuyek only inspected the area and troops while he was there. [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Oranienburg airfield is still occupied by 1 bomber regiment and presumably 1 reconnaissance regiment, both of which are equipped with IL-28s. [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. Senior Lieutenant Kristanov is reported for the first time. Contrary to the previous assumption, Major General Mashuyek is no longer mentioned as commanding officer of Bar Div Oranienburg. [REDACTED] Major General Vasilyev is now the commanding officer.

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